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September 3, 1998

Robin McElhaney, Treasurer Life and Liberty PAC 1815 Pennsylvania Ave., NW, #906 Washington, DC 20006

Identification Number: C00229385

Reference: Year End Report (7/1/97-12/31/97)

Dear Treasurer:

This letter is to inform you that as of September 2, 1998, the Commission has not received your response to our request for additional information, dated August 12, 1998. This notice requests information essential to full public disclosure of your federal election campaign finances. To ensure compliance with the provisions of the Federal Election Campaign Act (the Act), please respond to this request (copy enclosed).

If no response is received within fifteen (15) days from the date of this notice, the Commission may choose to initiate audit or legal enforcement action.

If you should have any questions regarding this matter, please contact Debbie Chacona on our toll-free number (800) 424-9530 or our local number (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

John D. Gibson

Assistant Staff Director Reports Analysis Division

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Dear Treasurer:

This letter is prompted by the Commission's preliminary review of the report(s) referenced above. The review raised questions concerning certain information contained in the report(s). An itemization follows:

-Your report discloses no payments for administrative expenses. Administrative expenses are payments made for the purpose of operating a political committee including, but not limited to, rent, utilities, salaries, telephone service, office equipment and supplies. Any such payments to a person aggregating in excess of \$200 in a calendar year must be disclosed on Schedule B, supporting Line 21(b) of the Detailed Summary Page. 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(5) If these expenses are being paid by a connected organization, your Statement of Organization must be amended to reflect this relationship. 2 U.S.C. §433(b)(2) In addition, if expenses have been incurred but not paid in a reporting period, the activity should be disclosed as a debt on Schedule D, if the obligation is \$500 or more, or outstanding for sixty days or more. 11 CFR §104.11

Any goods or services provided to your committee by a person, except volunteer activity (i.e., a person's time), would be considered an in-kind contribution from that person, and would be subject to the disclosure requirements of 2 U.S.C. §434(b)(3) and 11 CFR §104.13, and the limitations and prohibitions of 2 U.S.C. §§441a and 441b.

Clarification regarding administrative expenses should be disclosed during each two year election cycle beginning with the first report filed in the

non-election year. Please verify that all expenses referenced above (i.e., rent, salaries, utilities, etc.) have been adequately disclosed. If these services have been provided by volunteers, please confirm this in writing.

-Schedule B discloses a loan in the amount of \$4,800 made to Declaration Foundation. According to 11 CFR §100.7(a)(1)(i)(E), any loan made by a political committee is subject to the limitations outlined in 11 CFR part 110. While repayment of the principal amount of such a loan is not considered a contribution by the debtor to the lender committee, the repayments must be comprised of permissible funds subject to the prohibitions of 11 CFR §110.4(a) and Part 114.

-Your report disclosed a category of financial activity that has been reflected on the wrong line of the Detailed Summary Page. Loans made by your committee should be properly disclosed on a separate Schedule B, supporting Line 27 of the Detailed Summary Page. Please refer to the instructions contained on the forms to determine the proper categorization when preparing your next filing.

A written response or an amendment to your original report(s) correcting the above problem(s) should be filed with the Federal Election Commission within fifteen (15) days of the date of this letter. If you need assistance, please feel free to contact me on our toll-free number, (800) 424-9530. My local number is (202) 694-1130.

Sincerely,

Debbie Manzano

Senior Reports Analyst

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